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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants agree in part with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in that the prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, Applicants note that the Examiner's statement fails to address all limitations of all of the allowed claims, including those in the dependent claims, each of which defines a unique combination of features not shown or suggested by the prior art, providing additional reasons for allowance of each claim.

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Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of the claimed invention should not be limited by the Examiner's statement, but rather the scope of the claimed invention should be based on the actual language of the allowed claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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